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AUTUMN DAYS

k about me on the faded hillsides
d brown fields lately swept of golden grain—
r the soft-winged partridge sweetly calling
om out the leafless border of the lane.
nd the earth a touch of sunlight lingers.
nting the skies like dainty buds in May—
nd the little world that knows not yearning
one I watch the passing of the day.

it is sweet—where Autumn leaves have fallen,
hilst radiant sunbeams light the distant West—
ast one down in Nature's sweet seclusion,
spend an hour in solitude and rest.
as I linger, wrapped in wonder-dreaming,
rgetful that the hours have longer grown,
chilling twilight creeps along the meadow
nd far away I see the lights of home.

AT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

rs. F. W. Wilcox told of two colored girls who, ause they could not afford to pay the dormitory s, walked twenty miles every day to attend ool, who never missed a day, and never were .

nother colored girl had met only discourage- nt in her home in her effort to get an education; at the age of 24 she graduated from grammar ool, and is now taking training as a nurse. She nds upon graduation to go to West Central ica for hospital work among the Blacks. Her ition, she says, has always been to be at the d of a hospital and it looks now as though she ld accomplish her desire.

n Porto Rico the sins of the fathers and the ical sun and the ignorant neglect of children's s have resulted in a considerable prevalence of dness among the people.

When Secretary Cady was making an impassioned eal for the support of the American Missionary ociation to a southern audience, he paused as remarked—"What shall we do?" A big colored man in the front seat cried out: "Dig up; Halle- ah! dig up."

DuBois says, "There is no such thing as Negro me; unfortunately, some Negroes are guilty of what are human crimes."

One man—a member of a church in Los Angeles—made the remark: "I don't know whether it is un-American or not, I don't know whether it is Christian or not; but I am agin' the Jap." That means he is willing to give up his Americanism, and even his religion, if it interferes with his race-prejudice.

An Indian reservation has been defined as a body of land entirely surrounded by thieves.

The Congregational World Movement gave $100,000 to the A. M. A., which practically saved some of their schools from extinction.

A MISSIONARY GOD-SPEED

It happened that eighteen missionaries of the American Board were to meet in San Francisco on August 30 to take the ocean liner Golden State for China. The churches of the Bay region thought it a fine opportunity to give them a hearty send-off. First church of San Francisco offered to provide the luncheon, and Dr. Kelsey undertook to manage the affair.

Two hundred and forty people gathered about the tables, and they had a great meeting. All the missionaries present were introduced, and some of the old timers made addresses which were full of information and stimulating. President C. S. Nash gave the final and a fine address expressing the thought and feeling of the assembled friends.

Besides the eighteen out-going missionaries there were 17 people present who had at one time been in the foreign missionary service.

The meeting was very impressive and will be a happy memory for those who have gone across the sea.

Of all the one hundred million people in the United States about 42,000,000 are church members. Nearly 27,000,000 of them are in the Protestant churches; and 15,800,000 of them are claimed by the Catholics. It is to be remembered that this latter church counts as members all baptized children; so probably the actual confirmed membership figures about 13 million. In the past ten years, taken in the census, the Roman Catholics increased 10 3-5 per cent; while the Protestants increased 23 2-5 per cent.

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A PRAYER.

These are the gifts I ask of thee, Spirit serene,—
Strength for the daily task;
Courage to face the road;
Good cheer to help me bear the traveler's load;
And for the hours of rest that come between,
An inward joy in all things heard and seen.
These are the sins I fain would have thee take away,—
Malice and cold disdain;
Hot anger, sullen hate;
Scorn of the lowly, envy of the great;
And discontent that casts a shadow gray
On all the brightness of a common day.

GOOD LAWS PRODUCING CRIMINALS

One of our Congressmen from California declared the other day that the Eighteenth Amendment was converting the people of the United States into a nation of law-breakers. Think of the terrible havoc the Ten Commandments must be guilty of, in all these ages! But the astute Julius "should worry," for none of his votes went to the production of these Prohibition criminals.

Our Washington Law-maker might heed the word of a grammar school lad: "It isn't the law; it's 'booze' that is to blame." A funny philosophy it is that says the law to prevent crime is responsible for producing crime. But then some politicians have a queer philosophy.

Our Congressman Julius while here on a visit ought to consult the report of the Department of Police for San Francisco, which shows a decrease of 43% in crime since the Eighteenth Amendment was ratified; and no one supposes that Prohibition has a clear track in this city by the Bay. What more does Julius want?

"Fatty" Arbuckle said in jail the next morning, "I'm through with **Prohibition.**" No, he didn't. He said "booze" and he meant "booze." And he ought to know.

An eastern movie-man remarked in this wise: "If Arbuckle committed that crime, it was becau of bad liquor; and prohibition is to blame bad liquor." Ergo—let's wipe the Amendm off the slate and go back to the good old days of corner saloon.

Queer reasoners, these "wet" people, whether t be politicians or movie-promoters or even Epis pal bishops!

MRS. McPHERSON THE HEALER.

Judgment is very much divided over the fai healer of San Jose. Some there are who beli that this remarkable woman is producing mirac by the wholesale. She insists that it is not that is doing it but Jesus Christ through her. So who have observed her and her work believe t few remarkable and genuine cures are taking pla and only such as are usually accomplished throu powerful suggestion.

At a well attended and prolonged Monday C meeting the whole subject was thoroughly d cussed, and few were they who believed that m velous cures were wrought.

Mrs. McPherson's methods are highly spectacu and if she is really working along the line Psycho-therapeutics, as many believe, she is usi the most modern and approved means for resul One fact casts suspicion upon the real mirac working efficiency of her method; she selects cases to be healed. Too difficult and impossi cases are not allowed to be brought before her. miracles are being performed, a wooden leg and hunch back and an idiotic mind will be found be as amenable to the healing power of God, functional and nervous disorders.

CLEANER MOVING PICTURES

Former Congressman Charles H. Randall, at meeting of the Better Film organization of Pasade is reported in the Star, as saying:

"The motion picture industry is not the infant innocent institution that many imagine it to be. is staining the minds and souls of millions of you people every day, yet the public does not awak to the danger.

"The motion picture business is the third large revenue-producing industry in the world. Its prof are staggering in their gigantic totals. It pa better than all the railroads or the gold mines, a the oil industry is the only thing in the same cla The Federal Reserve banking system is a pigm in comparison.

"I am aware that Southern California is the hom of this great industry, and that no loyal citizen newspaper is supposed to say a word in criticis But I am also aware that this business is n financed in, neither do its profits accrue to Southe California, for 90 per cent of its capital and prof belong to Wall Street money cliques.

"It is said the moving picture magnates are doi

ern California a great favor to remain here. absurd! The industry is here because no place can suply the sunshine, the clear atmos- and the scenic effects.

is industry has become so wealthy and pow- that it threatens every officeholder from Con- man down to mayor and councilman. I know, se I have a bill pending in Congress to create leral censorship board to be appointed by the dent of the United States. But the motion pic- people will not trust even the President. It gents in every Congressional district in the d States who convey to every Congressional date the threat to defeat him if he favors Fed- censorship of motion pictures. The directing s of this all-powerful propaganda has an elab- suite of rooms in Los Angeles.

hy do I favor censorship? Because this busi- is now degraded into a commercial proposition st entirely. Its pictures are made to draw the st crowd, and as a murder trial will draw people than a sacred concert, so will pictures shady scenes gather the multitude. Caruso when congratulated upon the fact that thou- s would pay $5 to $10 to hear him:

But thousands will pay $50 and $100 to see a fight, where hundreds pay the smaller amount ear me.'

he possibilities for universal education, trave- es and clean entertainment in motion pictures been all but destroyed by the commercial vam- s who have degraded this great invention."

RELIGIOUS PAPERS

very Christian home should have in it at least Christian paper; every church home should scribe for a church paper. It would not hurt ubscribe for two.

ccording to vote of the National Council the k of Ocober 4 to 10 is set apart as "Congrega- alist Week." Every church family is urged ng that week to make subscription for our onal Congregational newspaper. We join with workers on the "Congregationalist" in urging ybody to become a subscriber to and a reader his national Pilgrim periodical.

hy? Because it is a good thing for the young ple in the home to see that paper lying on the er table of living room.

ecause it would be a good thing for the older s of the home to get acquainted with the work our denomination in America. Too many of church people know absolutely nothing about ious affairs.

ecause a litle religious reading is needed to en the other reading we are all addicted to.

ecause—well there are reasons enough.

urch people on the Pacific Coast would do well nclude in their subscription order, just a bit more money and have our Coast Congregational paper also come to the home along with the Congregationalist. Why not make the first week in October a "Congregationalist and Pacific Week?" We are ready; send in your subscriptions. Three dollars and a half will bring both papers to your home regularly, and do you and the rest of the folks a heap of good.

FORTY-FIVE MINUTES IN A LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Perhaps you would like to know how the language school is conducted. My schedule is as follows:—

The first class is at 8:45 a. m., where for three-quarters of an hour our teacher, Chang Hsien Hsung, introduces the new words for the day, that is, our new vocabulary. Not a word is spoken in English, for in the class of thirty there are Belgians, Swiss, French, English and Americans.

By the Chinese words that we know and by pantomime he gets the ideas of the new words "across." It is like a guessing game, you see, and when you get a word by that method it is more apt to stay.

Questions are asked and we answer. We are not allowed to take any notes.

During the next half hour period the class is divided into sections, where in conversation we use the new vocabulary and do review work. Thus far we have not begun to write characters, but we are to start, I believe, in a few days.

LOIS PENDLETON, Pekin, China.

On July 1 the Treasury of the American Board faced an additional deficit of $200,000. Authorized by the National Council, at Los Angeles, the Board gave to the churches a frank statement of the situation. The response was gratifying. A flood of gifts came in from friends and the churches such as the Board has never seen before. This generous giving together with large economies on the field, has resulted in the payment of all the obligations of the current year and the reduction of last year's deficit by $80,000, so that the Board now owes $161,020.89, instead of $242,000.

For what are men better than sheep and goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friends;
For so the whole round world is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

Thinking people are growing to believe that religion is of too great importance to be crowded into one hour per week. That all children of all faiths should, at their parents' request, have opportunity for religious instruction on the week day, appeals to all as fair and to most of us wise.

SOME IMPRESSIONS OF R. J. CAMPBELL.

By G. Southwell Brett.

Reginald J. Campbell, of London, spent two months in San Francisco this summer, preaching to crowds of people in Dr. James L. Gordon's church. Now he has gone back to England and it may be profitable for us to gather up some of the impressions he has left behind.

The universal testimony is that Dr. Campbell has done us good. His message dealt with the deep things of God, the human soul, and eternity. And some of us felt, as we listened to him, God was present speaking through the lips of this quiet man, looking at us through those deep set eyes, smiling at us through that kindly sympathetic face. Speaking of Dr. Campbell's ministry through the summer, Dr. Gordon said: "It was beautiful. His spirit was like a sweet perfume sweeping through the congregation. He left the church at high tide. His coming has been a great blessing."

It was the writer's privilege to spend some of the happiest years of his early life in Brighton. During those years he was an active member of the church which was afterwards made famous by the ministry of Reginald Campbell. During a visit to Brighton in 1897 the writer learned that negotiations were on foot to amalgamate the old Union Street church, where Reginald Campbell was preaching to great crowds of people, with the Queen Square church, which had a much larger auditorium and a very small congregation. The amalgamation was effected, and the brilliant young preacher of the old Union Street church continued his ministry at Queen Square, immediately filling the larger church to overflowing.

In 1903 Dr. Joseph Parker of the City Temple, London, died. On his death bed he put his hands on Reginald Campbell's head and blessed him, and nominated him as his successor. The nomination was unanimiously confirmed by the members of the City Temple, and Dr. Campbell became minister of the Great Cathedral of English Nonconformity.

Since 1897, from the beginning of his ministry at Queen Square Brighton, the writer has followed Dr. Campbell's career. And when on a certain Monday morning last June, at the Clift Hotel in San Francisco, he met him for the first time, the imaginings of twenty-five years were not dissipated. He had heard of this famous preacher from afar, had read his writings—heard them discussed at public meetings in Australia, knew something, in experience, of the storm of controversy which centered about him in London and extended throughout the world. And it was with a strange interest, and with feelings of reverence and wonder, that he now looked into the face and heard the voice of this man of God. For an hour the conversation was of Brighton and matters of mutual interest, and it brought brought back to the writer a flood of sacred memories. It was a wonderful hour of spiritual fellowship. When the writer expressed wish that Dr. Campbell might visit his home a family he replied instantly, "I shall be glad to, a I will preach for you." And so this distinguish visitor came to Rio Vista, preached in our lit church to a hundred people, and left us somethi to remember as long as we live. We have had good many people in our home at various tim but never a man so distinguished, so brotherly, lovable. If Dr. Campbell is a great man, and think he is, it is not because of his scholarship, keen, penetrating mind, his insight into spiritu things, his great qualities as a preacher, but cause of the beautiful simplicity of his life, great sympathy for men, his fine brotherly spir Nothing could be finer, more beautiful, than bearing and conversation during his visit with We all felt it, the children as well as the old ones. And we are agreed that we shall be t better, as long as we live, because Reginald Cam bell and his charming wife were in our home. The brief sojourn with us was a joy and a benedictio

In regard to Dr. Campbell's change from the Co gregational to the Anglican Communion little ne be said. It is no secret. He has, himself, writt the story and given it to the public in his "Spir ual Pilgrimage." It is a remarkable book. It giv one a new insight into the mind of the man a an increased respect for him. Dr. Campbell is mystic. His religion is not a theory, not simply philosophy, it is an experience. It is not somethi that can be explained; it is as much beyond e planation as a sweet fragrance or a mother's lo It is a spirit, a life. It expresses itself in adorati to God—in compassion and loving service to man.

Dr. Campbell finds the atmosphere of the Anglic Church more suitable for his type of spiritual li —his conception of the Christian ministry. Wh at Oxford he drank deeply of the spirit of Angl Catholicism, and although for thirteen years he o cupied the foremost pulpit in English Nonconfor ity, he was never quite at home in Free Chur circles.

Dr. Campbell is greatly beloved by all sorts a conditions of men in England as well as in Ame ica, and one can only hope that he may be instr mental in bringing the various sections of a divid church closer together, and that ultimately co plete union may be effected. We need today, mo than anything else in the world, a strong unit church, and a God filled ministry. A church whi shall radiate Christ's spirit into the world until changes all human life—all human institutions.

THE SHORTER BIBLE.

There are many things to commend The Short Bible to general use, and none that we know again it. It is not intended to displace the reading of t Book itself; and its use will not lead to that resu For those who are now Bible readers it will be

nspirational help to a better understanding precious Book. For those who never read ble at all it will be an eye-opener as to the of good material and the real satisfactions re to be found in the sacred pages.

Shorter Bible is made up of such parts of criptures as will kindle an interest of the man and woman in the Bible as a whole. parts are arranged in their historical order, in the order in which they were written or mony with the nature of their content.

Hebrew and Aramic and Greek have been ated anew and the effort has been to "make iteral, rather than a literalistic" translation. at is meant that the care has been rather to over the sense of the text, rather than the duplication of words. The idiom of one lan- has to be so cared for in another.

book is a gem of the publisher's art: it has 300 pages and yet is easily carried in one's t. It is 6¾ inches by 4½, and slightly over h thick. The type is clear and large; and we re many people will read it largely because so attractively gotten up and so readable.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ley, First.

First Sunday in September was a notable day is church. According to custom the Lord's er was administered at the morning worship. ng a pastor, the committee on pulpit supply ed the presence of two honored servants of in our Congregational churches, Dr. William nd and Dr. Walter Frear, to conduct the com- on service. Each of these ministers is over y years of age, and it was a beautiful and im- ive service they rendered that morning. Dr. 's message was entitled "The heart of the nunion," and it reached the hearts of all the unicants. Dr. Frear's quiet remarks at the were as winning and helpful as are all his utterances. These two veterans were as- in the first part of the services by Rev. W. W. er, a long time member of this church.

o, First.

er a month's vacation taken by the church ts pastor, services were resumed on Septem- , with a fine congregation. The pastor, Rev. as Giffen, has been speaking during the month e following themes: Can organized labor be tian? What can we hope from the Disarma- Conference? Does higher education Christian- Are we morally recovering from the effects e war?

Redwood City.

Charles H. Stevens, pastor. On the first Sunday in September five new members were received into the church, all upon confession of faith. Three infants were baptized. Mr. Stevens enters upon the tenth year of his pastorate.

San Diego, First.

The church was so fortunate as to have as vacation preacher Rev. F. W. Morrison of Oakland, who had been cordially recommended by the pastor as no ordinary "supply," but a "man with a message" whose summer ministry might well be memorable —and so it proved. In the varied relations of a pastor, Mr. Morrison fitted into his temporary opportunity with remarkable tact, and his service, both social and spiritual, was most acceptable. His friendliness endeared him to the people, his earnestness challenged his hearers, and his able presentation of essential truth was a weekly inspiration, furnishing vital material to be wrought into daily living. Besides his stiulating sermons, he shared with those who gathered for the mid-week meeting the results of careful study of the Prophets, and his illuminating addresses gave the best of modern interpretation, while they stressed eternal verities. Through him these men of vision took on new reality and spoke to many hearts. The affection and prayers of the church go with him as he returns to his own field.

returns to his own field. M. T. G.

Fresno, Pilgrim, Armenian.

The pastor, Rev. M. G. Papazian, and his people had a most auspicious day the first Sabbath in September, when they occupied for the first time the fine new church building they recently purchased. This church began its work in 1901, and in the twenty years has grown in a most happy way. A few months ago they purchased the First Presbyterian building at the cost of $100,000, and on September 4th held their first services there. The church was crowded, every seat in the auditorium and Sunday school room was taken and many were standing up. The Northern Conference was represented by Superintendent L. D. Rathbone, who spoke some congratulatory words. The pastor gave an historical address, reviewing the work and growth of the church during its score of years. The outlook for the church is very promising.

Claremont.

The church is more than satisfied with its earnest young pastor, George A. Neeld. We are looking forward to a great year both in church and college, with such men in residence here as Raymond C. Brooks, O. A. Wark, and the new pastor, not to mention other ministers and missionaries who are a source of strength. M .H. L.

Fresno, Zion German.

A mass meeting of German Russians was held in the Free Cross church for the sake of raising

funds to send to the starving people in Russia. Nearly $900 was raised at this meeting, and with other offerings that have been made probably $5,000 or more will be sent for relief work.

Piedmont, Interdenominational.

No congregation in Northern California worships in a more churchly edifice than this group of people. The pastor is Charles D. Milliken. He with his assistants is carrying on a diversified work in the community. There are five organizations of boys and young men. One leader trained for the work devotes his whole time to the boys. A dinner and rally was held on September 1 with 200 men and boys present; addresses were made by Wallace M. Alexander, the toastmaster, and Ex-Governor Gillett. The large and efficient Sunday school is under the care of Captain Arthur M. Merrill. Fireside talks on Sunday evening are given each Sunday evening upon spiritual themes by Principal Norman H. Nesbit. The Woman's Guild is a most useful agency in the work of the church and community.

Oakland, First.

Dr. Van Horn undertook to answer a list of questions one Sunday evening; among them were these: Where does James L. Gordon get his subjects? Where does Mrs. Eddy get hers? Who manages the First Congregational church of San Francisco? Who manages the Christian Science churches? Why is Mrs. Eddy unlike Mrs. McPherson? It goes with the saying that the church was full and the people did not go away empty.

Alameda, First.

Rev. C. C. Wilson, pastor, has been giving a series of sermons on the Gospel of Jesus as it appears in the parables. His evening sermons have been on "The lamplighters of history," speaking of such men as Dante, St. Francis, Milton and Tolstoi. One of the popular features of the Sunday morning service is the music rendered by the Junior choir, an organization of young girls, under the direction of Talmadge Rice. the superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Rice, who recently took charge of the school, has inaugurated several novel plans, by which he hopes to increase the membership and interest in Sunday school work.

San Francisco, Mission.

Rev. Godfrey Matthews of Ogden, Utah, as acting pastor during the absence of Peter Simpkin, has entered heartily into all the departments of the church work: by his scholarly and earnest personality he has brought a spiritual message that has gone deep and has aroused many to a fuller life of real service. Through his regular pastoral duties he has brought much comfort to the families where there has been sickness. The Sunday school children have attended the morning service to listen to the original story which Mr. Matthews has been telling them chapter by chapter each week. The Book of Mark has been the study prayer meetings, the members being encourage read the whole gospel at a sitting. The ch bulletin board has been used to good advan with posters made from magazine illustrations appropriate messages to be read by the multit going and coming from the Mission park. I week Mr. Matthews has sent out a pastoral l to all members in which were questions upon life of the church to be answered by the mem receiving them. M. G.

Pescadero.

Rev. and Mrs. Virgil B. Mayne have now bee work in the Pescadero field for three months. parsonage has been put in first class condition. church and the grounds have been cleaned up, the ringing of the old church bell is once mo welcome sound in the town. This church minis to a field some twenty miles in extent along coast, and up as far as the ridge of the mount that separate Pescadero from Redwood City and Santa Clara Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Mayne started up the Sunday school with an enrollmen twenty children, and a Junior Endeavor with a half that number. The people are taking a interest in the church, as is evidenced by t attendance upon services, their help in getting parsonage ready for the new minister and his f ily, and by their financial contributions of ne $550 in cash and pledges on September 18th, w Mr. Dodge visited the field.

San Francisco First.

The prayer meeting crowd at this church asked to cast a ballot on the question whether would like to have Mrs. McPherson, the f healer, come to San Francisco for a serie meetings. About 1800 ballots were cast, and it practically unanimous in favor of her coming. 1,742 voters recorded their church affiliation the ballots as follows: Roman Catholics voted 45, no 6; Christian Scientists, yes 75, no 0; J yes 50, no 6; Protestants, yes 1500, no 60.

Stockton.

Rev. Harley H. McGill has issued an attra list of sermon topics for the mornings and e ings of last month and this. In the mornin is to answer a number of "Whats"; What mak man a Christian? What is the Bible for? What does prayer give? and What is the value of ch membership? In the evening he has been g sermon-lectures upon Dante, with a discussio the Divine Comedy; the Inferno, or sin its own ishment; Purgatory, or the struggle for chara and Paradise, the joy of goodness. By the exp ture of $600, the church school now has thi good sized, well equipped class rooms, for sch from the primary grade up to the adult cla Fifty people are now on the church school

hurch raised an emergency fund of $175 for nerican Board.

ey, North.

h B. Larkin has been preaching to his peo- r the evening service on The Doubts of ians; Some certainties of faith; and Hungers heart. At the Wednesday evening prayer gs "The Manhood of the Master" has been l and meditated upon.

THE MINISTER

Hillside Presbyterian Church of Orange, N. invited Rev. Miles B. Fisher to become their or of Religious Education, and he has accept- invitation. The field of service is peculiarly ving to Mr. Fisher. The church has abundance alth to provide for a great work and a large of willing workers. The church location is to a large immigrant population, 60 per cent Sunday school being made up of this foreign ng element. The church regards its location specially fine opportunity for rendering a e to these people. Mr. Fisher will have the eration of a young college woman as recrea- upervisor. A new parish house has been de- ned upon and perhaps an entire new plant.

. J. L. Rollins, who has been living in Wash- , has gone to the church at Fort Bidwell in county; he will also have charge of the In- work under the American Missionary Society. Collins is fortunate enough to be a carpenter ade and will superintend the construction of pel and parish house for the Indians.

s Elisabeth Benton, Associate Secretary of the n's Board of the Pacific, has been seriously r a number of weeks in the Fabiola Hospital kland. Her friends will rejoice to know that prayers are being answered in her gradual ery. It will be some time yet before she will le to serve the churches.

Niles church has invited the editor of this to become its pastor and he will begin e there on October 1. The church is con- ing a neat parsonage for the pastor's use; ll have as assistants Mr. and Mrs. Rukema of Pacific School of Religion, who will devote selves to the young people and children of the unity.

r. Edmund Owens of the Suisun church has laid off for a few weeks with sickness. He aken to the hospital at Vallejo.

r. Isaac McRae has resigned at Kenwood and Ellen.

r. W. E. Eckles has been called to the church ampbell. This is his second pastorate with church he having resigned when he went into Y" work during the war.

r. G. Southwell Brett of Rio Vista has been l to the church at Antioch.

The following students of the Pacific School of Religion are now at work in the churches: Mr. and Mrs. Michael with the Bethlehem church, San Francisco, assisting pastor John Brereton; Mr. and Mrs. Rukema at Niles and Sunol; Mr. Tottle with the Fairfax Sunday school; and Miss Ruth Doane assisting Pastor Bowdish at the Richmond church, San Francisco.

Rev. William McIlvaine has resigned his pastorate with the Portland, Oregon, First church.

Rev. D. E. Nourse of Colorado has entered upon the pastorate of the church at St. Johns, Oregon.

Rev Robert Allingham is initiating what all agree is a most hopeful prospect for a strong church in the Alameda district of the Portland Association, and from his pas record in church work great results are sure to come.

Rev. E. A. Cook has become the new leader in the department of Religious Education in the Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon.

The Congregational Ministerial Brotherhood of Portland began its winter's work by a luncheon at the Y. M. C. A. with a large attendance and good fellowship.

Rev. G. A. Vennink, who has been working under the A. M. A. among the Crow Indians, has moved to Riverside and is to be the religious Work Director of all denominations among the Indian youth of that region. The A. M. A., under an arrangement of the Home Missions Council, has transfered all its Crow Indian work to the Baptists.

Rev. W. H. Hensill, who was formerly pastor at Soquel, has been recalled to that pastorate.

WAYSIDE NOTES.

A Council of Recognition met early in September and received into the fellowship of our churches a new church at Biola; it has 143 members to begin with and a rather significant name,—"The Congregational Evangelical Peace Church of Biola." We hope it will have the distinction of living up to that name.

The Boulevard church of Oakland has completed a very satisfactory Social Hall, at the cost of $4900. It is equipped with a modern stage of good proportions, and will add to the social efficiency of that church to its growing neighborhood.

As a result of Chinese carrying of guns and a rather free use of them, and the lack also of adequate policing of the district, Wong Taw, the treasurer of the Congregational Chinese church in San Francisco, was shot by his cousin and died within a few hours after in Lane Hospital. He is said to have been one of the finest of Christian Chinese in this region. It is a great loss to the church and to his large family. It would be better if our authorities would employ Chinese as police for that district.

Jane Addams, chairman of the Committee of fifty-seven, makes a plea for quick contributions for

Russian Relief. She says that according to official reports there are 35,000,000 people in Russia threatened with starvation; 25 million of these are women and children. This work of relief is being carried on by the American Friends Service Committee, a non-sectarian, non-political and non-racial organization. They have a band of workers already on the ground and actively engaged in relief duty. Their Chicago office is 1400 Westminster Building.

Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon, has a two million dollar campaign on, for endowments, new buildings, better equipment, and decided improvement all around. Ex-President Ferrin writes: "It is a tremendous task; to some it seems impossible. The college greatly needs the money, and is in a position to put it to a splendid use." The student expenses at this school are very moderate; the tuition is only 75 dollars, much lower than other colleges of equal standing. Many students are able to earn their whole support while going through the course.

Whitman College, as its 39th commencement graduated 42 students. During the year over three hundred thousand dollars have been added to the funds of the college, making the endowment somewhat more than one million dollars. A president's house is to be built for Dr. Penrose at a cost of $26,000.

The Presbyterians of the Bay region used Admission Day for a conference at San Anselmo. They seemed to have a happy and encouraging time. Charts were on hand to show their progress. While the population of California has increased 44 per cent during the past decade, their strength had increased 51 per cent, their membership going from 37,000 to 56,000. During the past summer 132 of their churches held Daily Vacation Bible Schools, with an enrolment of 14,000 boys and girls. The salaries of Home Missionary pastors has been increased from 75 to 100 per cent. The Sunday school enrollment of 57 Presbyterian churches has grown from 8,000 to 12,000, a 50 per cent increase. A chief factor in this growth has been the use of Religious Education Directors, made possible largely by gifts from the National Society.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America needs $300,000 for the next two years to carry on its splendid work. Of this amount our own National Council felt that we ought to give $10,000 for the year 1921, and it authorized its Secretary to send out letters to our churches urging them to subscribe that amount. It is not a large amount, and would speedily be raised if every church, big and little, would "come up to the help of the Lord."

The total enrollment in the Sunday schools of North America is almost nineteen millions: the enrollment for the whole world is 30,296,500. North America therefore has over 60 per cent of the Sunday school children of the world.

PATRIOT AND PREACHER

When Thomas Starr King walked down the of the Unitarian church of San Francisco on day morning, April 29, 1860, the congregation, ing eagerly for the first glimpse of the man had just arrived from Boston, was distinctly appointed in the one whom they had chosen their pastor. With Brutus they might think had "worthy cause to wish things done, und "Could this slender, youthful looking man, wit beardless boyish face, his long lank hair," b famous preacher they had heard of and to they had committed the welfare of their Soci

So writes Charles W. Wendte in his new v upon Starr King. The story goes on to say as soon as King spoke, the rich tones of his and the evident depth and seriousness of his m dispelled at once all anxiety and won a confi from his hearers that he did not once lose his ministry to the city and the state.

It is much for a man barely more than t five years of age—and that man a preacher—to a commonwealth like California in those early and in four brief years so grip the hearts fellows that during the days when his bod awaiting burial, flags everywhere flew at half the Mint and other Government offices were the cannon on the public square and on Al boomed their tribute, and a vast crowd of t thousand and over surged in and about the b ful church which he had just built.

There is no reading so happy or profitab biography, and especially the biography of a man. Dr. Wendte has furnished a volume of attractiveness. He is a skilled biographer. King speaks all the way through, with enou the interpretive from the author to enhan value.

Here was a clean young man. One who him intimately has said, "I never discove fault in him." Another writing of him says, " ever he went, he ennobled men. Everybod more generous from contact with that ra beneficence. Everybody caught the contag that cheerful spirit of humanity."

He was a wholesome young man, and minded. Early in his life he began investi searching for truth; he was a lover of the the Beautiful, the Good. It is no wonder, an entirely fitting, that a towering peak visibl the floor of the Yosemite Valley should be name of this patriot-preacher—Starr King.

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